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The Army has a nationwide movement-watching network, complete with informers and daily "intelligence" reports teletyped to bases across the country.

Center of the operation is at Ft. Holabird, near Baltimore, where the U.S. Army Intelligence Command is located. Every day, Robert A. Brisentine Jr., liaison officer for the Army's Criminal Intelligence Division (CID), signs the Daily Intelligence Summary which is sent out over the wire from Ft. Holabird to bases across the country.

"The U.S. Army Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Maryland, reported the following summary which contains items of intelligence interest..." begins each dispatch. What follows is not limited to information about "illegal" activity within the Army, the Criminal Intelligence Division's area of jurisdiction, nor even to movement activities which might bring violence and a call for Army troops to restore "order."

Instead, the Daily Summary reads like the AP wire, edited so that it contains only stories about the activities of the left, rewritten in military jargon, and embellished with tidbits obviously from informers.

Informers

The Daily Summary could be composed substantially of newspaper clippings, though most probably a large number of military personnel are involved in compiling it from first-hand observation. But when the U.S. Army Intelligence Command puts out a Special Summary it becomes obvious that they have informers at work. Take, for example, the Special Summary covering 0700 to 1800 hours of Jan. 20 in Washington when demonstrators were reacting to Nixon's inauguration:

"At 1000 hours, a meeting of dissidents broke up at St. Stephen's and the Incarnation Church, 16th and Newton Streets, N.W., WDC. Fifty members from the Ohio and Michigan SDS contingents were present. After the meeting they broke up into small groups, as they did not want to get 'busted' before they could get into action. Two members of the group were to go to Franklin Square. Neither Mark Rudd nor weapons were present at the meeting."

And this, from Jan. 19:

"Out-of-town dissidents currently in Washington are being housed in a 'commune' at [address deleted by LNS] along with 'Pigassus' and several dogs, who are permitted to move among the persons sleeping on the floor but are not permitted to leave the building for fear of being seen. Four or five unidentified 'hippies' announced plans to leave Washington for fear that it will be another Chicago and many of the dissidents have expressed their apprehension about police intervention in their demonstrations."

Before counter-inaugural demonstrators ever arrived in Washington, Army Intelligence was at work on the matter. Special summaries listed the number of buses and persons enroute to Washington from major cities. And they had a full-fledged spy in Nashville, at least, who supplied them with more detailed information:

"At 0300 hours (CST) 17 Jan. '69, a gray Volkswagen sedan believed to be registered to the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), Nashville,

Tenn., departed Nashville, apparently enroute to Washington, D.C. There were four (4) occupants in the car, [name deleted by LNS], a female Caucasian, [name deleted...], personality data unknown, and two unidentified individuals. During the night of 16-17 Jan. '69, [name deleted...] had in his possession a .22 caliber bolt action rifle and 'more than 100 rounds of ammunition.' During the early morning hours of 17 Jan. '69, the rifle and ammunition could not be found at SSOC headquarters. [Name...] also had with him a GI helmet bearing on the front a red star within a yellow circle with unknown lettering above and below the emblem. [Name...], a SSOC high school coordinator, is believed to have an extensive arrest record in New Orleans, La., various places in North Carolina, and possibly other states. Also at 1430 hours one POV (Privately Owned Vehicle) with four (4) occupants and at 1530 another POV with five (5) occupants departed SSOC Hqs. Nashville, allegedly enroute to Washington, D.C."

And of course the Daily Summary includes items about the establishment of GI coffeehouses, GI teach-ins and demonstrations, and cars with base parking stickers sighted near protest meetings.

In addition to the summary, the Army Intelligence Command compiles and sends out "personality data"—dossiers on movement activists. The "personality data" is reportedly classified "Top Secret." But Army Intelligence is interested in all dissent—even that which threatens no violence—as well as radical education and propaganda.

What's the Army up to? Keeping close watch on the antiwar, anti-Army movement among GIs? Yes. Checking out action against ROTC? Yes. Maintaining surveillance over the black movement, particularly near big Army bases in the South, where "unrest" could send "racial tensions" skyrocketing among GIs? Yes. Studying demonstrations which the Army may be called in to quell? Yes.

And more. The Army is paralleling, through its Criminal Investigation Division, some of the spy work of the FBI. The CID supplies the information to Army Intelligence, which in turn reports to the Defense Intelligence Agency. As a result, the Defense Intelligence Agency has its own watchful eye on the radical movement in the United States, with no need to rely on data from civilians.

From
the Army's
point of view.